98-06-04 SAS TO OPEN A DAILY NON-STOP SERVICE BETWEEN STOCKHOLM AND CHICAGO

SAS is to open a new, daily non-stop service between Stockholm and Chicago in October this year. At the same time SAS will change the timetable of its present daily Copenhagen-Chicago service. Passengers will thus have a choice between a morning departure from Stockholm or an afternoon departure from Copenhagen. From Chicago the SAS Boeing 767 will return to Stockholm in the afternoon, and in the evening to Copenhagen.

"The demand for efficient connections to and from the U.S. has increased sharply during the last year", said Karin Strömberg, SAS Network Management. She added, "with the opening of the new Stockholm-Chicago service SAS will be able to offer the Nordic market improved connections, not only to Chicago but also to a large number of destinations in the U.S. through Chicago."

United Airlines, which SAS's strategic partner in the U.S., maintains a major hub in Chicago. From the Windy City, United offers excellent connections to the South, the mid-West as well as to the western parts of the United States. With only one intermediate stop business travelers as well as tourists can reach important destinations, such as Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, Minneapolis, Los Angeles and San Fransisco.

The new SAS service between Stockholm and Chicago will also offer excellent connections for passengers traveling to or from Finland through Stockholm.

Timetable:

From Stockholm at 10 a.m. seven days a week, with same-day arrival in Chicago at 12:15 p.m.

From Chicago at 4:30 p.m., arriving Stockholm the next day at 7:45 a.m.

From Copenhagen at 3:30 p.m. seven days a week, arriving Chicago at 5:45 p.m.

From Chicago at 10:05 p.m., seven days a week, arriving Copenhagen the next day at 1:25 p.m.

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